(c) what are the rules and regulations to deal with such cases of smuggling by diplomats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) On 12th May, 1986, the officers of Customs Collectorate, Delhi, seized 20 gold biscuits weighing 23.320 Kgs. at Indira Gandhi International Airport from Shri Mbayi Nyembwe Kadima, Second Secretary in the Zaire Embassy, New Delhi, who had arrived from Singapore by KLM Flight No. KL-836. The biscuits were found concealed in his two suitcases. The matter was taken up by the Ministry of External Affairs with the Embassy of Zaire in Delhi in India, who informed that Mr. Kadima was acting in his personal capacity. Mr. Kadima has been withdrawn by the Government of Zaire from their Embassy in Delhi.

(c) Members of the diplomatic missions are expected to observe the local laws and regulations of the host country in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, to which India is a signatory. Whenever such cases of involvement of diplomats are detected, Government take appropriate action with the co-operation of the Government(s) of the countries concerned and remain in confidential touch with these Governments with a view to preventing any recurrence of such abuses.

Convening of Cancun-type Summit of developing countries

290. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention had been drawn to the fact that the Tokyo Summit of industrialised countries made no reference to the problems faced by the non-aligned developing countries;

(b) if so, whether in view thereof Government have considered it proper to take initiative to convene a CANCUN-type Summit of developing countries; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative what steps have been taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Economic Declaration issued at the conclusion of the Summit of major industrialised countries at Tokyo in May, 1986 did make reference to problems of developing countries. However, the Tokyo Declaration did not respond specifically to the need for a dialogue on a broader approach which is necessary to address effectively the grave problems facing the world economy, particularly the developing countries.

(b) and (c) The Non-aligned Movement during the Chairmanship of India has put forward important proposals for initiating an effective and meaningful dialogue between developed and developing countries.

However, the statement in the North-South dialogue continues. India is remaining in close touch with both developed and developing countries in order to explore possible ways to revitalise the dialogue. The forthcoming eighth Summit of the nonaligned countries in Harare will offer an opportunity for further consultations in this regard.

Indian delegation's visit to Sri Lanka

91. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what further follow up action has been taken in the matter of bringing about a political solution of the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka after the Indian delegation's visit of April 29 to May 4, 1986; and

(b) what has been the Sri Lankan Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) As a result of the visit of the Indian delegation to Colombo from April 29th to

May 4 some detailed and specific formulations [illegible] proposals were, however, incomplete and the Sri Lanka Government was asked to provide clarifications and their views on alternative formulations. The clarifications and alternative formulations were received in mid-June. The package of proposals was handed over to the Tamil groups for their careful consideration at the end of June. A delegation of the Tamil United Liberation Front is currently in Colombo for discussions with the Sri Lankan Government on the latest proposals.

Involvement of aliens in smuggling and terrorist activities

292. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. authorities with the help of Canadian and other international law enforcing authorities have swooped on aliens for their involvement in smuggling and terrorism and have unravelled rings of smugglers and terrorists, during the past few months;

(b) if so, what is Governments information in this regard;

(c) how many of them are Indian and how many of them are foreigners operating to foment trouble in India; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In May 1986, US Agencies with the help of Canadian authorities arrested about 60 persons on charges of smuggling Indian nationals into the USA and for arranging sham marriages between them and US citizens.

US and Canadian authorites cooperated in foiling a plot by some extremists to blow up the Air India plane scheduled to fly out of New York on May 31st.

(c) 58 Indians and one US citizen were arrested in the case involving the smuggling of aliens into USA. All the accused arrested in Canada in connection with terrorist activities were Canadian citizens.

(d) Government are alert to the international dimension of terrorist activities against India and keeps in close touch with US and Canadian authorities in this regard. The persons arrested are being prosecuted according to the respective US and Canadian laws.

Bank Robberies

293. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the past few months there were as many as ten Bank robberies in Bombay and Thane region alone involving lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so what is the number of bank robberies since the beginning of 1986 in various parts of the country as compared to the corresponding period in 1985; and

(c) what measures are contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) RBI has reported that there were 8 cases of robberies/dacoities in Bombay region and 1 case in Thane region and in branches of public sector banks during the first half of 1986.

(b) Information regarding bank robberies/dacoities and the amounts involved therein Staewise, as reported by Reserve Bank of India, for the period from 1-1-1986 to 30-6-1986 alongwith comparative figures for the period from 1-1-1985 to 30-6-1985 is given in the enclosed statement (*See below*).

(c) Although banks security is dependent to a considerable extent on the general security environment, the Bank themselves have been taking steps to improve their security arrangements. Security measures implemented by public sector banks